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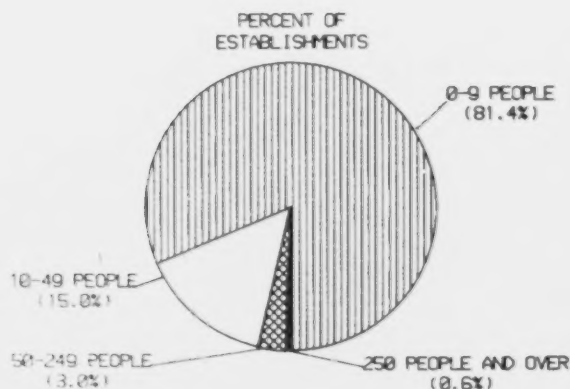
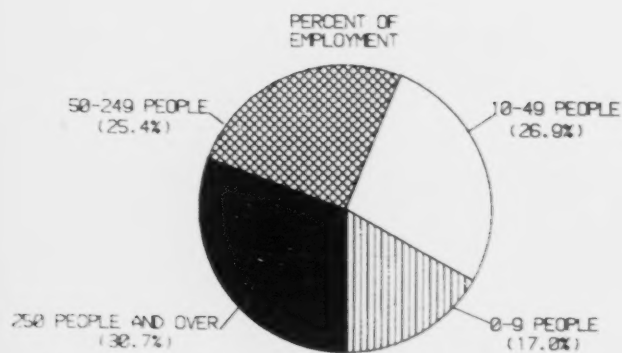
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WHERE THE JOBS ARE

Distribution of Establishments and Employment by Size Groups

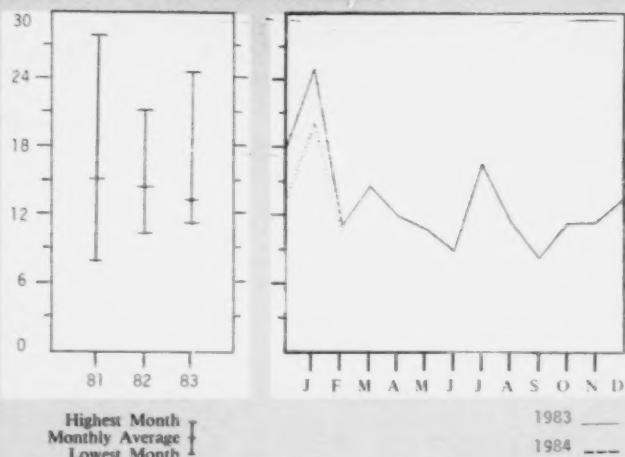
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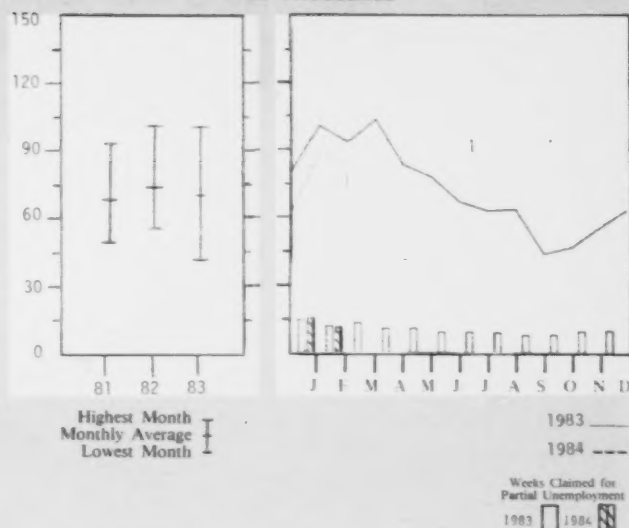
ALTHOUGH 81.4 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES IN MAINE HAVE FEWER THAN 10 EMPLOYEES, THESE COMPANIES PROVIDE ONLY 17 PERCENT OF ALL JOBS IN THE STATE. ON THE OTHER HAND, BIG BUSINESSES--THOSE WITH MORE THAN 250 EMPLOYEES--REPRESENT ONLY 0.6 PERCENT OF ALL BUSINESSES BUT SUPPLY ALMOST 31 PERCENT OF ALL JOBS.



UI Initial Claims in Thousands



UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed in Thousands



MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY RECORDS IMPRESSIVE GROWTH

MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCLUDES FIRMS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS TYPES OF PRINTING SUCH AS LETTERPRESS, LITHOGRAPHY, OR SCREEN; AND ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH PERFORM SERVICES FOR THE PRINTING TRADE SUCH AS BOOKBINDING, TYPESETTING, ENGRAVING, AND ELECTROTYPING. ALSO INCLUDED ARE BUSINESSES THAT PUBLISH NEWSPAPERS, BOOKS, AND PERIODICALS.

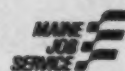
EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED FROM 3,600 IN 1979 TO 4,200 IN 1983. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 16.7 PERCENT AND WAS IMPRESSIVE CONSIDERING THAT THE NATIONAL RECESSION SLOWED GROWTH OF TOTAL NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN MAINE TO 1.2 PERCENT DURING THAT SAME PERIOD. EMPLOYMENT NATIONWIDE IN THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED BY ONLY 3.9 PERCENT BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983.

MOST OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT GAIN IN MAINE'S PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY BETWEEN 1979 AND 1983 WAS ACCOUNTED FOR BY COMMERCIAL PRINTERS. COMMERCIAL PRINTERS ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW FIRMS. BETWEEN THE SECOND QUARTERS OF 1979 AND 1983 THE NUMBER OF MAINE FIRMS IN THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INCREASED FROM 195 TO 215. OF THESE NEW FIRMS, 14 WERE ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL PRINTING.

INDUSTRY OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT THE PRINTING OF COMPUTER FORMS AND NEW COLOR TECHNOLOGIES HAVE LED TO INCREASED BUSINESS FOR THE INDUSTRY. ALSO CITED WAS THE POPULARITY OF "QUICK PRINTERS," SHOPS THAT DO SMALL JOBS FOR COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS. SEVERAL INDUSTRY OFFICIALS SAID THAT BEING NEAR PAPER MANUFACTURING FACILITIES WAS AN ADVANTAGE FOR MAINE PRINTERS.



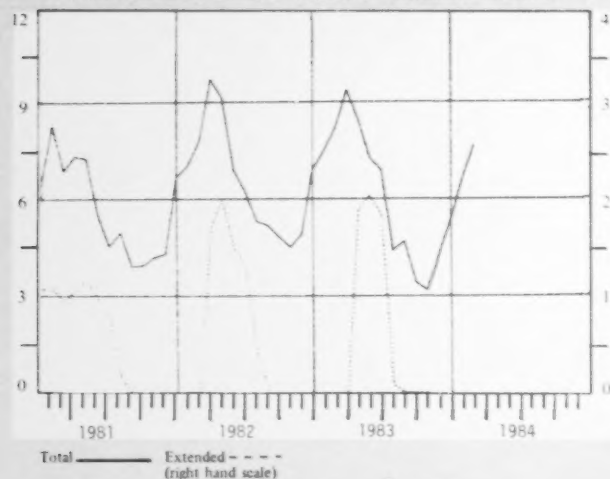
Selected Employment Security Activities



UI Benefit Payments

in Million Dollars

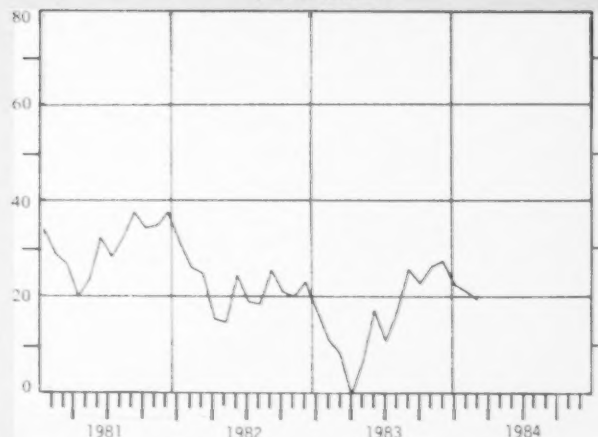
(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation

Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



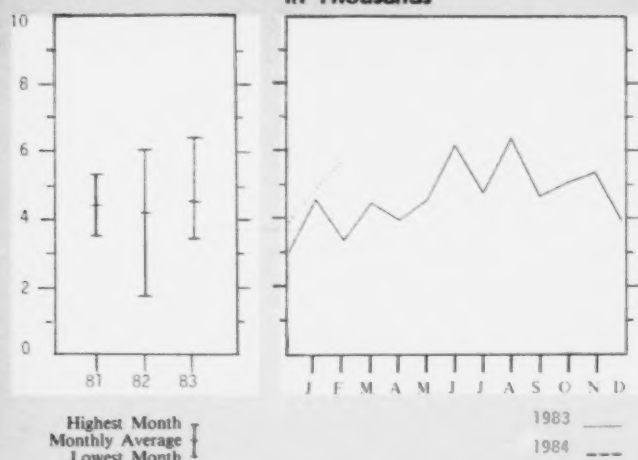
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

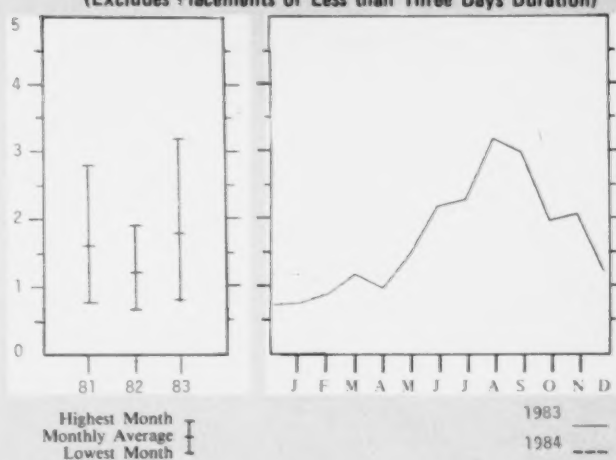
ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary ^{1/}	411.6	408.8	400.8	97.4	97.8	91.8	33.1	33.2	32.1
Total Manufacturing	109.2	109.1	106.3	16.4	16.6	16.1	11.3	11.3	10.4
Durable Goods	40.9	40.8	39.3	6.6	6.7	6.1	2.1	2.1	1.8
Lumber and Wood Products ^{2/}	13.2	13.3	12.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.0	15.8	14.4	5.7	5.7	5.4	1.8	1.7	1.5
Other Durable Goods ^{3/}	11.7	11.7	12.6	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Nondurable Goods	68.3	68.3	67.0	9.8	9.9	10.0	9.2	9.2	8.6
Food and Kindred Products	8.3	8.0	7.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.2	6.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	1.6	1.5
Apparel	4.9	4.8	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.6	18.6	17.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	18.8	19.3	20.5	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.3
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.7	16.2	17.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.9	2.9	2.7
All Other	3.1	3.1	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods ^{4/}	10.5	10.4	9.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	2.4	2.4	2.2
Total Nonmanufacturing	302.4	299.7	294.5	81.0	81.2	75.7	21.8	21.9	21.7
Contract Construction	13.4	14.5	12.7	3.7	3.9	3.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.5	17.6	17.6	5.4	5.5	5.4	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	88.2	89.9	83.5	26.9	27.7	24.8	7.6	7.6	7.4
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.1	18.2	17.3	8.6	8.5	8.0	1.6	1.7	1.6
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	80.9	78.6	78.3	22.1	22.0	20.6	7.2	7.2	7.2
Government	84.3	80.9	85.1	14.3	13.6	13.7	3.1	3.1	3.2
Federal	18.3	18.3	18.2	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
State and Local ^{5/}	66.0	62.6	66.9	12.8	12.1	12.2	2.9	2.9	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

^{1/}Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. ^{2/}Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. ^{3/}Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, Portland - 32, 37, 38, Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. ^{4/}Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39, Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39, Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. ^{5/}Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements in Thousands (Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	\$314.36	\$309.67	\$288.78	40.2	39.6	38.3	\$7.82	\$7.82	\$7.54	\$7.61	\$7.22	\$6.66
Durable Goods	324.00	322.81	307.13	40.5	40.1	38.2	8.00	8.05	8.04	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products ..	297.14	301.60	283.04	40.1	40.0	38.3	7.41	7.54	7.39	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	309.07	307.22	288.75	41.1	40.8	38.5	7.52	7.53	7.50	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	378.68	368.48	353.61	40.2	39.2	37.9	9.42	9.40	9.33	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	309.17	301.43	278.06	40.1	39.3	38.3	7.71	7.67	7.26	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products ..	220.63	211.59	215.68	35.7	33.8	34.9	6.18	6.26	6.18	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	263.00	257.73	217.16	43.4	42.6	38.3	6.06	6.05	5.67	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	208.68	194.50	180.58	37.6	35.3	34.2	5.55	5.51	5.28	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products ..	514.58	512.44	470.40	45.7	46.0	44.8	11.26	11.14	10.50	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products ..	211.18	203.33	196.35	36.6	35.3	35.7	5.77	5.76	5.50	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	269.57	265.34	242.14	38.4	38.4	36.8	7.02	6.91	6.58	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	297.89	283.84	266.52	39.3	37.2	35.3	7.58	7.63	7.55	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	246.38	241.94	228.75	38.8	38.1	37.5	6.35	6.35	6.10	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	216.8	216.5	208.8
Unemployed	18.3	20.1	20.2
(Percent)	8.4%	9.3%	9.7%
Resident Employed	198.5	196.4	188.6

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	306.6	305.2	293.2	303.5
Percent Change				
Percent Change for Past Month				+0.5%
Percent Change from Last December				+1.0
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago				+4.6

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	514.8	509.7	512.1	469.3	461.6	456.6	45.5	48.1	55.5	8.8	9.4	10.8
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,200	41,300	42,900	39,500	38,100	39,000	2,700	3,200	3,900	6.4	7.7	9.1
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,700	32,600	31,900	29,800	29,600	28,100	2,900	3,000	3,800	8.9	9.2	11.9
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	38,300	38,000	38,100	35,000	34,500	33,700	3,300	3,500	4,400	8.6	9.2	11.5
Portland SMSA	99,400	98,300	95,000	93,600	92,400	87,600	5,800	5,900	7,400	5.8	6.0	7.8
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,020	28,600	28,840	26,730	26,010	26,100	2,290	2,590	2,740	7.9	9.1	9.5
Bath-Brunswick	23,460	23,750	24,350	21,870	22,080	22,870	1,590	1,670	1,660	6.8	7.0	6.8
Belfast	11,230	11,320	11,030	9,490	9,410	9,230	1,740	1,910	1,800	15.5	16.9	16.3
Boothbay Harbor Wiscasset	7,720	7,600	7,530	6,800	6,650	6,600	920	950	930	11.9	12.5	12.4
Calais Eastport	13,870	13,700	14,600	12,010	11,790	12,090	1,860	1,910	2,510	13.4	13.9	17.2
Caribou-Presque Isle	20,430	20,310	20,140	17,210	16,720	17,130	3,220	3,590	3,010	15.8	17.7	14.9
Central Penobscot	3,510	3,530	3,670	3,250	3,220	3,350	260	310	320	7.4	8.8	8.7
Dover Foxcroft	6,420	6,430	6,520	5,970	5,900	5,910	450	530	610	7.0	8.2	9.4
Ellsworth	19,000	18,760	19,230	16,980	16,740	16,660	2,020	2,020	2,570	10.6	10.8	13.4
Farmington	12,550	12,250	13,490	11,350	10,920	12,330	1,200	1,330	1,160	9.6	10.9	8.6
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,880	4,740	5,080	4,370	4,210	4,470	510	530	610	10.5	11.2	12.0
Greenville	1,560	1,520	1,540	1,480	1,420	1,350	80	100	190	5.1	6.6	12.3
Houlton	4,820	4,750	4,750	4,300	4,240	4,090	520	510	660	10.8	10.7	13.9
Lincoln Howland	5,810	5,780	5,900	5,380	5,290	5,340	430	490	560	7.4	8.5	9.5
Livermore Falls	5,940	5,870	5,750	5,060	5,020	4,910	880	850	840	14.8	14.5	14.6
Madawaska Van Buren	4,040	4,110	4,280	3,440	3,460	3,400	600	650	880	14.9	15.8	20.6
Mechanic Falls	2,280	2,230	2,170	1,940	1,880	1,700	340	350	470	14.9	15.7	21.7
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,920	4,940	5,180	4,670	4,610	4,770	250	330	410	5.1	6.7	7.9
Patten Island Falls	2,150	2,120	2,280	1,950	1,940	1,960	200	180	320	9.3	8.5	14.0
Rockland	17,430	17,030	17,330	15,690	15,110	14,910	1,740	1,920	2,420	10.0	11.3	14.0
Rumford	20,010	19,760	20,380	18,160	17,820	17,920	1,850	1,940	2,460	9.2	9.8	12.1
Sebang Lake Region	11,280	11,100	10,730	10,380	10,170	9,510	900	930	1,220	8.0	8.4	11.4
Skowhegan	20,520	20,490	21,410	17,860	17,680	18,520	2,660	2,810	2,890	13.0	13.7	13.5
Kittery-York	19,670	19,100	18,020	18,230	18,110	16,910	1,440	990	1,110	7.3	5.2	6.2
Southwest Penobscot	8,110	8,210	8,140	7,010	7,000	6,770	1,100	1,210	1,370	13.6	14.7	16.8
Waterville	21,690	21,450	21,790	19,900	19,650	19,420	1,790	1,800	2,370	8.3	8.4	10.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,594.0	1,575.7	n/a	1,509.8	1,455.4	n/a	84.2	120.3	n/a	5.3	7.6
Massachusetts	3,033.0	3,011.0	2,932.0	2,860.0	2,790.0	2,712.0	173.0	221.0	220.0	5.7	7.3	7.5
New Hampshire	n/a	498.7	482.9	n/a	472.3	443.3	n/a	26.3	39.5	n/a	5.3	8.2
Rhode Island	475.9	477.3	471.5	439.0	439.1	421.3	36.9	38.2	50.2	7.8	8.0	10.6
Vermont	264.3	264.3	266.7	244.2	245.2	243.7	20.2	19.1	23.0	7.6	7.2	8.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,845.2	5,728.7	n/a	5,456.4	5,275.7	n/a	388.8	453.0	n/a	6.7	7.9
UNITED STATES 3/	111,368	111,025	109,647	101,961	101,270	97,265	9,407	9,755	12,382	8.4	8.8	11.3

Area Definitions

LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Footnotes

1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Note

n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	15,148	15,773	20,629	1,915	1,824	2,791	1,132	1,132	1,596
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.8	4.0	5.3	2.3	2.2	3.5	3.6	3.5	5.1

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	8.1	8.5	8.8
Clerical and Sales	16.6	16.6	15.9
Service	11.4	11.6	9.2
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	2.4	1.9	2.1
Processing	3.7	4.7	4.0
Machine Trades	11.4	11.3	11.3
Benchwork	9.8	9.2	8.0
Structural Work	21.8	20.1	23.2
Miscellaneous	15.8	16.1	17.5

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	58.3	55.4	62.0
Under 22	6.8	5.8	6.9
22-24	11.2	10.4	11.7
25-34	30.3	29.0	32.8
35-39	10.0	10.2	10.6
Total 40 and Over	41.7	44.6	38.0
40-44	7.9	7.8	7.9
45-54	12.1	11.5	13.3
55-64	9.7	9.4	10.2
65 and Over	12.0	15.9	6.6

1. Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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